

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Communalism and Casteism

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of communalism/casteism have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) and (b): As per available information, the State-wise details of communal incidents reported during last three years i.e. 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (upto October) are enclosed at Annexure-I.

The State/UT wise details of cases registered under atrocities against persons belonging to scheduled castes during 2012, 2013 and 2014 are enclosed as Annexure-II. The information for the year 2015 is not available.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and order including communal violence, rest primarily with the respective State Governments.

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However, to maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of information, sending alert messages and advisories, sending Central Armed Police Forces including the composite Rapid Action Force, created specially to deal with communal situations, to the concerned State Governments on specific requests and in the modernisation of the State Police Forces. The Central Government has circulated revised Guidelines to promote Communal Harmony to the States and Union Territories in 2008 which inter alia, lay down standard operating procedures to be put in place to deal with situation arising out of the communal violence. They also delineate preventive and administrative measures to be taken to maintain communal harmony. These guidelines are reiterated while sending advisories.

Govt. of India has also circulated advisory to the States & Union Territories in 2010 on measures to curb Crime against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.
